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CONGRESSMEN THOMPSON AND PASCRELL COMMEND LAW ENFORCEMENT DURING NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

Washington, DC – Sunday, May 15th, marks the beginning of the annual National Police Week, which pays tribute to the local, state, and federal law enforcement officers who serve and protect the citizens of the United States. Congressman Bennie G. Thompson, Ranking Member of the House Committee on Homeland Security, and Congressman Bill Pascrell, Jr., Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Science, and Technology, would like to recognize and thank law enforcement officers throughout this country, especially those who serve in their home states of Mississippi and New Jersey, for all they do.

In 2004, 153 law enforcement officers were killed in the line of duty. One of those officers was Deputy Sheriff Robert Curtis Goodwin of Clark County, Mississippi, killed on April 6, 2004. In New Jersey, Sergeant Kenneth Brown from the Atlantic City Police Department died on March 10, 2004 and Trooper Thomas Zimmerman of the State Police died on February 5, 2004.

“Our federal, state, and local law enforcement officers put their lives on the line every day to protect their fellow citizens and their nation,” stated Congressman Pascrell.

Congressman Thompson added, **“National Police Week is a time to honor those who put on a uniform each day and put their lives at risk to protect our nation. It is also a time to honor the surviving friends and family of those who died serving. Those of us on the Homeland Security Committee know that the men and women of law enforcement, and all first responders, perform selflessly in everything they do. We will continue to work do everything we can to ensure that law enforcement officers have all the tools they need to protect us.”**

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